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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 09/19/1997

**To:** NSD

**Attn:** SSA [REDACTED]  
DOMESTIC TERRORISM  
ANALYSIS UNIT NSD-7

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**From:** Madrid

**Contact:** [REDACTED] 011-341-587-2350

**Approved By:** [REDACTED]

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**Drafted By:** [REDACTED]

(U) **Case ID #:** (S) 163C-MD-<sup>403</sup>NEW (Pending)

**Title:** (S) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WHITE  
SUPREMACIST GROUPS:

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(S) [REDACTED]  
(U) ~~(S)~~ **Classified By:** 544, LEGAT/MADRID  
**Reason :** 1.5(c)  
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**Administrative:** (S) Re telcall of SSA [REDACTED] currently assigned  
as a TDY ALAT to Madrid to FBIHQ SSA [REDACTED] of the Domestic  
Terrorism Analysis Unit.

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**Details:** (S) In referenced telcal, Legat Madrid was requesting  
the Domestic Terrorism Analysis Unit (DTAU) to provide Madrid  
with information suitable for dissemination regarding  
publications such as "RESISTANCE RECORDS"; "NATIONAL VANGUARD".  
"FREE SPEECH"; "BOUND FOR GLORY" and the "TURNER DIARIES" [REDACTED]

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~~(S)~~ For FBIHQ's information

Madrid would like  
to provide them with as much information as possible.

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To: NSD From: Madrid  
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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) ~~(S)~~ For information.

Set Lead 2:

FBIHQ

(U) AT DTAU, NSD-7

~~(S)~~ As agreed in referenced telcal, furnish Legat Madrid with information suitable for dissemination regarding above mentioned publications and organizations.

Set Lead 3:

MADRID

AT LISBON, PORTUGAL

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## Militias

### Presence and Patterns in the United States (U)

(U) Two years after the bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building exploded, support for militia groups within the United States remains strong. Militias are present in all fifty states. Through the use of new technologies, militias are better able to communicate with one another, recruit new members, and promote their message.

(U) As of July 1997, the FBI was investigating roughly thirty cases targeting militia activity in the United States. According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), militia membership grew 6% between 1994 and 1995. At present, there are roughly 15,000 militia members in the United States. The Southern Poverty Law Center claims that 858 identifiable militia and patriot groups exist. This estimation does not include secessionist organizations or land use advocates, nor does it include tax protester groups or survivalists. Of these 858 known groups, 380 of them are armed.

(U) Numerous factors have contributed to a heightened interest in militia and patriot movements. Some of these causes include poor economic conditions in the blue-collar labor force, the perceived overextension of federal regulations, and the standoffs at Ruby Ridge and the Branch Davidian Compound. Moreover, legislation contained in the Brady Bill and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 was viewed by many militia members as a limitation on Second Amendment rights. The following quote is representative of the sentiment found among many militia members:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
the courage to change the things I can; and the superior firepower to make the difference."  
- The Minuteman Prayer, from the Minuteman Press Web site.

(U) Militia members are becoming increasingly involved in criminal activity. The possession of illegal weapons and explosives, most notably pipebombs, is now more commonplace. In addition, many militia organizations routinely conduct paramilitary training exercises, which are outlawed in several states. Violent criminal acts such as assault and armed robbery are on the rise, as are threats against federal buildings and law enforcement officials. Additionally, a new practice known as "paper terrorism" has emerged. This involves the filing of bogus liens and lawsuits in an effort to burden the court system and to intimidate political opponents. Many militia members have joined forces with the tax protest and common law court movements in pursuit of these objectives.

(U) Another significant aspect of militia activity is the communications network. "Militia members utilize the Internet, e-mail and short-wave radio to communicate with one another."<sup>1</sup> At present there are over 300 extremist web pages available on the Internet. These pages are designed to communicate, inform, and recruit potential new members. This method of communication is preferred since it allows for more anonymity than either the telephone or US postal system.

(U) Militias in the United States will remain influential, continue to actively espouse their views, and recruit new members. The opportunity afforded by the Internet provides a clear venue through which to communicate ideas and organizational activity. Although militia membership remains at a stable level, it appears those individuals involved will become more active, which may lead to increased criminal activity. In turn, some militia members are becoming more resourceful and technologically oriented in order to evade law enforcement authorities.

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<sup>1</sup>The Houston Chronicle, "Terror on the Right", The Houston Chronicle Publishing Co., April 20, 1997.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**Date:** 04/02/1998

**To:** National Security

**Attn:** DTAU, NSD-7

**From:** Madrid

**Contact:**

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(U) **Reference:** (S) 163C-MD-403 Serial 1

**Administrative:** (S) A review of Legat, Madrid file revealed  
that a dissemination provide by FBIHQ, NSD, DTAU entitled  
"MILITIAS: Presence and Patterns in the United States"

(S) However, it appears that  
Legat, Madrid only has one page available, numbered "page 2," of  
the above dissemination.

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Re: (S) 163C-MD-403, 04/02/1998  
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LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

NATIONAL SECURITY

(U) AT DTAU, NSD-7

(S) Please furnish Legat, Madrid with information suitable for dissemination regarding groups/organizations and publications mentioned in the text.

Set Lead 2:

MADRID

AT LISBON, PORTUGAL

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